CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	C005.gif
Other known title(s):	8-328358
OFLC ref:	1700476.002
Medium:	Computer Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	13 September 2017
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	12 September 2017

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes and is deemed to be objectionable. It is a sexually explicit animated GIF of a man sexually abusing a young girl. The only purpose of the image is to arouse viewers with a sexual interest in children. The digital format allows the image to be easily disseminated among like-minded people. This classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression as provided by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the FVPC Act are deemed to be objectionable, and it reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect children and young persons from exploitation and harm.